GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of agricultural commodities imported during each of the last three years and in the current year so far, commodity-wise along with name of the exporting country;

(b) the quantity of these agricultural commodities produced in the country during the above period; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the country self-reliant in the matter of producing agricultural commodities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Country-wise details of the major agricultural commodities imported during the period 1997-98 to 2000-2001 (till February) are given at Annexure-I.

(b): The details of the production of major agricultural commodities in the country during the last three years are given at Annexure-II.

(c) In order to increase production and productivity in the agricultural sector; thereby making the country self-reliant in the matter of producing agricultural commodities, the Government has been implementing various programmes. With a view to providing greater flexibility to States/UT Governments in enhancing agricultural production and productivity as per their specific requirements, the Government of India has launched the Macro Management Mode of the implementation of certain Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Annexure-I

Statement showing import of major Agricultural Products during the period from 1997-98 to 2000-2001 (till February, 2001)

(Qty. `000` tones, Value: Rs. In crores)

S.No.	Item	1997-98		1998-99		99-2000		2000-2001 (till Feb,01)		Major Countries from which imported
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	
1	Wheat	1485.78	988.98	1803.7	1164.78	690.4	412.23	4.22	2.87	Australia,France,Bulgaria
2	Rice	0.05	0.06	6.65	5.4	27.6	24.59	13.2	17.79	Pakistan,Netherlands
3	Coarse Cereals	1.12	0.34	2.02	1.07	181.16	114.62	30.29	15.54	China,USA,Argentina
4	Pulses	1008.16	1194.64	563.6	708.81	203.99	273.77	245.28	366.42	Myanmar,Australia,Canada
5	Oil Seeds	2.47	8.52	13.39	6.79	Canada,Somalia,Nepal				
6	Veg.Edible Oils	1265.75	2764.67	2621.85	7588.93	4196	7983.87	3727.13	5611.31	Malaysia,Indonesia,Argentina
7	Cotton raw&waste	9.97	80.65	57.4	381.11	236.14	1226.76	204.26	1131.66	Australia,South Africa,Ivory Coast
8	Jute, raw	45.54	50.54	99.46	86.38	140.84	143.81	63.69	78.97	Bangladesh

Source: D.G.C.I. & S Calcutta and E.S.A., DAC.

Annexure-II

The details of production of major agricultural commodities in the country over the last three years.

(Mllion tonnes)

Commodity	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000
Rice	82.54	86.08	89.48
Wheat	66.35	71.29	75.57
Coarse Cereals	30.40	31.33	30.47
Cereals	179.29	188.70	195.52
Pulses	12.97	14.91	13.35
Total Foodgrains	192.26	203.61	208.87
Oil Seeds	21.32	24.75	20.87
Vegetable Edible Oils	6.20	7.26	6.50
Cotton+	108.50	122.90	116.40
Jute++	99.60	88.40	94.20

\+ Lakh bales of 170 kgs each.
++ Lakh bales of 180 kgs each.